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### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk and Administrator SC Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

RE:

Petition to Intervene by Midlands Utility, Inc. as party in Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modification of Certain Terms and

Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service

**DOCKET NO: 2011-47-WS** 

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Midlands Utility, Inc. for filing Petition To Intervene pursuant to Rule R. 103-825 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to intervene as a party of record in the above-referenced Docket.

By copy of this letter and the Petition, service will be made by mail upon the appropriate parties.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Cook

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

RETURN DATE: OX SERVICE:

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#### **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### **DOCKET NO. 2011-47-WS**

| IN THE MATTER OF:  | _)       |                       |
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| Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for an adjustment of rates and charges and modification of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service | ))))     | PETITION TO INTERVENE |
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Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands) hereby petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant Rule R. 103-825 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to intervene as a party of record in the above-referenced Docket. In support of this Petition, Midlands states the following:

- 1. On April 15, 2011, Carolina Water Service, Inc. (Applicant) filed an Application with the Commission seeking a new schedule of rates and charges for water and sewer service for its customers in South Carolina.
- 2. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 2011-47-WS to this matter.
- Midlands is a privately held South Carolina corporation organized for the purposes of providing sewer treatment and sewer collection only services to certain customers in Lexington, Richland, Orangeburg and Fairfield Counties.

- Midlands provides collection only sewer services for approximately 416
   customers of the Vanarsdale subdivision in Lexington County.
- 5. Midlands transports the sewage collected from its customers in the Vanarsdale subdivision to the Applicant's wastewater treatment facilities.
- 6. Midlands pays Applicant for its treatment services pursuant to rates set out by a bulk treatment agreement approved by this Commission; in turn Midlands charges its customers in the Vanarsdale subdivision a tariffed rate approved by this Commission.
- 7. In its application, Applicant proposes to substantially raise Midlands' bulk treatment rates.
- 8. Since Midlands' rights and interests and those of its Vanarsdale customers may be substantially affected by decisions made by the Commission in this proceeding, and since these rights and interests cannot be adequately represented by any other party in this docket, Midlands respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate fully as a party of record. Midlands' participation in this docket will not unduly delay these proceedings or prejudice the rights of any other party. Accordingly, Midlands seeks to intervene in the above-styled docket.
- Midlands' address is: Midlands Utility, Inc., 816 East Main Street,
   Lexington, South Carolina 29072.

10. In accordance with Rule R. 103-804 (t) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Midlands is represented by counsel in this proceeding:

Charles H. Cook Attorney at Law 6806 Pine Tree Circle Columbia, South Carolina 29206 Telephone: 803-782-6806

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## WHEREFORE, Midlands prays for the following relief:

- a. That this Petition to Intervene be accepted and that Midlands be made a party of record;
- b. That Midlands be allowed to participate fully in this proceeding and take such positions as it deems advisable; and
- c. For such other and further relief as is just and proper.

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Attorney for Petitioner, Midlands Utility,

Inc.

Columbia, South Carolina May 26, 2011

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned Attorney of Cook Law Firm does hereby certify that he has served the below listed parties with a copy of the pleadings(s) indicated below, by E-mailing a copy of same to each with consent of the party so served.

RE:

Application of Carolina Water Services, Inc. for an

Adjustment of Rates and Charges and Modification of Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Water and Sewer

Services

DOCKET NO.

2011-47-WS

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PLEADING:

PETITION TO INTERVENE BY MIDLANDS

UTILITY, INC.

May 26, 2011

Charles H. Cook,